Federal City Performing Arts Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the 2001-2002 Board of Directors
2801 M Street, NW, Washington, DC
Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Present
Board: D. Akridge, M. Baker, P. Brayton, B. Bugg (by proxy to Brayton), J. Chang, K. Cole, W. Gannon, S. Herman, K. McGee, M. Ohnmacht, T. Paul, B. Reeg, D. Streit
Staff: D. Bielenberg, J. Buhrman
Absent: H. Cohen, H. Lewis

Proceedings
1) Chairman Streit called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2) Minutes of the February 20, 2002 meeting were accepted, as amended, without dissent following a motion by Brayton and a second by Baker.

3) Executive Director Bielenberg reported that: a) David Akridge will step down as Marketing & Public Relations Committee Chair to take on the responsibility of Chair of the ad-hoc Long Range Planning Committee, b) Bielenberg will oversee marketing efforts for the rest of the season. Buhrman will assist and Mark Mattison will write press releases and a new Marketing Chair and committee members are being sought. c) staff of the Blade has been cooperative in giving GMCW ads better placement, d) MW is expected to run a "photo feature" of Wizard of Oz, e) Baltimore's Gay Life will do a feature on Oz and Baltimore resident, Stuart "Dorothy" Goldstone, f) ad will also appear in City Paper. g) Wizard program is at the printer with 68 pages and 85 ads. h) he and the Governance committee continue to interview potential new board members, I) has discussed changes to the Balance Sheet to more accurately reflect financial transactions. j) Galliano confirmed their sponsorship for the June concert, United Way application has been submitted and we are inviting "hosts" to encourage attendance at the auction.

4) Artistic Director Buhrman reviewed his activities for the past month. These included marketing (tickets) to 30 GLBT organizations, 17 high school gay-straight alliances, university GLBT organizations and organizations working with gay youth. He is working on orchestral parts for Wizard, music for the June concert, Gala concert, a new commission, Rock Creek Singers program and the 02-03 season.

5) Chairman Ohnmacht thanked members of the Governance Committee for their work. Cole is writing the Board responsibilities and Criteria for Board membership. The mail ballot will be sent to eligible voters on May 6. E-mail will seek candidates. Discussion will be held about procedures for the chorus president election.

6) Chairman Streit asked to be informed of auction donations from the Board. He also suggested that Board members each buy two tickets for the Sunday performance of Wizard to give away.

7) Old Business

a) Auction: Chang reported that planning for the auction is progressing well and that acquisitions are beginning to come in. More quality items are needed. Tickets will be priced at $75. to the general public and $25. to the chorus family.

b) The written financial reports were reviewed in Treasurer Lewis's absence. FCPAA is showing a profit and is only slightly behind budget predictions.

8) New Business

a) President Baker presented recommendations about security involving electronic access to Chorus information such as the roster, Hot Notes, etc. The Board will consider the recommendations.

b) Capital Club Chairman Gannon asked the Board to review policy suggested to guide the investment and use of Century Circle funds.

9) Chairman Streit adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM by unanimous consent on a motion by Herman and a second by Paul.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. McGee

Kathleen McGee, Secretary
March 28, 2002